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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

BANK.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-
POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "

" 12 " " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which

may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1884.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing
between the Undersigned Comes
This Day by Mutual Consent, and with this
Notice the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGE
is DISSOLVED.

WILLIAM LEGGE.

E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 12

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the Notice of the DIS-
SOLUTION of the Firm of HUGHES &
LEGGE, I will continue the BUSINESS of
SHARE and GENERAL BROKER in my own
Name from this date.

WILLIAM LEGGE.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 13

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Firm of HUGHES & LEGGE, I will
continue the BUSINESS of SHARE and
GENERAL BROKER and AUCTIONEER in my
own Name from this date.

E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 9

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr. FREDERIC DELANO HITCH in
our Firm in Hongkong, China and else-
where CHASER on the 30th June last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, 1st January, 1885. 14

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with Clauses 47 and 99 of
the Company's Articles of Association,
AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS to be held at the
HONGKONG HOTEL, is hereby Convened for
TUESDAY, the 13th Instant, at 3 o'clock
p.m., when a full attendance is requested.

By Order,

WILLIAM LEGGE,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1885. 11

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION
IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG Branch), hereby
requested to present them to the LIQUIDA-
TOR of the Bank, when they will be given
in Exchange a certificate of the value of
the Notes deposited.

Holders of Notes will be required to
Furnish to the Liquidator of the Bank,
a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of
Issue, Number and Amount of each Note
Produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on applica-
tion at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
OF THE
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
By his Attorneys,

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1235

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON
AERATED WATERS,
Have REMOVED from the BEACONFIELD
Arcade to larger Premises
1, DUDDELL STREET,

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,
TONIC, GINGERADE,
SALTZER, RAISER, RAISERADE,
SARSAPARILLA, &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

NOTICE.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S.S. Co.
having taken over the NAGASAKI
DOCK, SLIP and ENGINEERING
WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and
Repair VESSELS, at moderate terms.

THE DOCK is one of the largest and
best in the East, being 431 feet long and
89 feet broad, and having a depth of water
on blocks at spring tides of 27 feet and
neap tides 22 feet.

The SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all
descriptions and compound Engines up to
1,000 horse-power. The heaviest-class
of work can be undertaken at the shortest
notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being
erected.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANIA
NAVALERA DE FILIPINAS OF

MANILA are requested to communicate
with the Undersigned.

For Sale.

NEW GOODS.

CHILDREN'S PAINT BOXES.

NEW MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.

PATENT GLASS CUTTERS.

NYE'S KNIFE-CLEANING MACHINE.

NEW CHAMPAGNE NIPPERS.

RODGERS' POCKET KNIVES AND SCISSORS.

POST-OFFICE LETTER SCALES.

CHUBB'S LOCKS AND BOXES.

OPERA AND FIELD GLASSES.

LADIES' "WALDECK" WATER-PROOF CLOAKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 7, 1885.

EX STEAMSHIP GLENCOE.

LADIES' BLACK SPUN SILK JERSEYS.

LADIES' BLACK SILK JERSEY GLOVES.

BLACK SPANISH LACE FLOUNCES for Evening Dresses, 30 inches wide.

LADIES' BLACK LISLE THREAD HOSIERY.

A few NOVELTIES in LADIES' EVENING SHOES.

BLACK and COLOURED RIBBONS, all widths.

Best Quality EAU DE COLOGNE.

GENTLEMEN'S TENNIS SHOES, all sizes.

GENTLEMEN'S PRIMROSE and WHITE KID GLOVES, 2 Buttons.

N.B.—The Primrose Kid Gloves for Gentlemen are a specialty for evening wear.

As in accordance with the usual custom our Store will be Closed on NEW YEAR'S DAY.

W. POWELL & CO. 2191

Hongkong, December 29, 1884.

NOTICE.

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, January 6, 1885.

HOSIERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS,

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885.

HATS.

A large assortment of Christy's Felt Hats, always in Stock in all the newest styles.

CLOTHING.

Tweeds, Coatings, Trouserings, Serges, Flannels.

SHIRTS.

Having completed our arrangements we can now make to order White Dress Shirts, equal to home manufacture.

TO LET.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE in GODOWNS on his New Premises in DUDDELL STREET, next to the Oriental BANK.

G. R. LAMMERT, Sole Agent.

Hongkong, October 4, 1884. 1683

FOR SALE.

MINERVA—BRUNNEN.

A DELICIOUS NATURAL MINERAL WATER in Cases of 96 Pints @ \$7.00 do. 49 Quarts @ \$6.00.

Apply to RUSSELL & CO. Hongkong, November 10, 1884. 1807

FOR SALE.

A BORROUGHS & WATTS' BILLIARD TABLE, Complete with CUES, POOL, PYRAMID, &c., BALLS, MARKING BOARD, RESTS, EXTRA CLOTH, &c., &c.

Just arrived per Glenalock.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Hongkong, November 4, 1884. 1805

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Taising having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees are hereby informed that all Claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 15th Instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 31

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship Taising, Captain D. S. Taising, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1885. 31

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This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

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Hongkong, December 31, 1884. 2205

NOTICE.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

For Sale.

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FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVON'S NONPAEIL KEROSINE OIL.

PAINTS and OILS, TALLOW and TAR, PITCH and ROSIN.

AN INVOICE OF PARLOUR AND COOKING STOVES.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CHATEAU MARGAUX, CHATEAU LA TOUB, pints & quarts. 12s. GRAVES, " BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON- TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT (1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY. COQUINIER'S BRANDY. FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY. KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY. ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY. BOARD'S OLD TOM. E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY. ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL. NELLY PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH. JAMESON'S WHISKY. MARSALA.

EASTERN CIDER. CHARTREUSE. MARASCHINO. CURACAO.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts. GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, CASH and PAPER BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Sole Agents for MESSRS. TURNBULL, JNR., and SOMERVILLES.

MALTESE CIGARETTES.

MACKEWY, FRICKEL & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1885.

Intimations.

THE TEST OF TIME

Has been applied Ayer's Pills and they have won more than forty years they have had a world-wide popularity, rivaled by no other preparation. They are a safe, reliable, and effective medicine, and are a valuable aid to health.

As a household remedy they have no equal. Many a dog doctor has been saved by a timely dose of Ayer's Pills.

PREPARED BY

Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESSE, American barque, Capt. John A. O'Brien.—Mellchers & Co.

ALEXANDER MCNAUL, American ship, Capt. G. W. David.—Mellchers & Co.

ARABOON APAN, British steamer, Capt. A. B. MacAvish.—D. Sasso, Sons & Co.

DANUBE, British steamer, Captain J. Newton.—Yuen Fat Hong.

EDWARD L. MAYERHAR, Amer. barque, Capt. E. M. Knight.—Remedios & Co.

FUNERAL ABBEY, American barque, Capt. J. T. Marcy.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

GOODL, American barque, Capt. Wm. R. Egan.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

HAMPSHIRE, British steamer, Captain A. Child.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

IMO, German barque, Captain G. Hockelmann.—Wiel & Co.

INVINCIBLE, American ship, Capt. J. S. Fearnley Skewes.—Order.

MADAS, Brit. steamer, Capt. H. Plenge.—Siedman & Co.

MINNIE CARMICHAEL, British barque, Capt. T. G. Taylor.—Master.

MOUNT LEBANON, British steamer, Capt. D. Maxwell.—Borneo Company, Limited.

NICOLAS THAYER, Amer. barque, Capt. Robert S. Crosbie.—Master.

PROFOUND, British steamer, Captain G. Healey.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

SAMAN, American ship, Capt. Oliver O. Jones.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

SARAH HIGGINS, American ship, Capt. J. Bass.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

SOCIO, British barque, Capt. J. Buckley.—Borneo Company, Ltd.

VELOCITY, British barque, Captain R. Martin.—Pustan & Co.

Entertainment.

THE GAIETY COMPANY.

Sole Proprietor, G. N. NORVILLE.

FROM THE THEATRE ROYAL, CALCUTTA; and THE GAIETY THEATRE, BOMBAY.

Patrons:

T. R. H. THE DUCHESS, of Connaught.

His Excellency THE MARQUIS of Ripon, His Excellency Sir James Ferguson, &c., &c.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE, will be GILBERT'S CLASSICAL COMEDY, entitled

PYGMALION & GALATEA.

AT THE SECOND PERFORMANCE, will be presented

A HUSBAND IN CLOVER, And the

ORIENTAL BURLESQUE.

Full Particulars will be duly announced on the arrival of the Company.

The Plan of the Theatre may be seen and Seats secured at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO'S.

Hongkong, December 11, 1884.

Insurances.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

AGENTS for the above Company are

prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, November 6, 1883.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

WILL IF POSSIBLE GIVE TWO PERFORMANCES, en route, for Shanghai.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

Risks on First Class Godowns at 2 per cent. not premium per annum.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

To-day's Advertisements.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLEBROOK, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship BACONVILLE, IRELAND,

Commander, having arrived from the

above Ports, Consignees of Carrick have

informed that all Goods, with the exception

of Oilum, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, of Wan-

ches, No. 3, behind the premises known as

Blue Buildings, whence and/or from the

Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless

notice to the contrary be given before

Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods

remaining after the 16th Instant will be

subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1885.

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London, December 5.—It has been discovered that the vessels at the London dock which were supposed to be taking on board cargoes of provisions are really loading munitions of war for China.

London, December 3.—The Chinese Ambassador, in an interview to-day with Earl Granville, protested that it was a breach of neutrality on the part of England to permit French men-of-war to coal and victual at Hongkong.

In a late issue of a San Francisco contemporary we read that the steamer *Salamanca* was going up to the dry dock there to be sheathed. It is hinted that the Chinese Government intend purchasing her for a gunboat.

The blockade runner *Waverley* has, says the *Courier*, left Shanghai. She was passed at anchor on the morning of Jan. 5th near Bush Island buoy. We understand she goes up to Kiangyin to load troops for the South.

The *Ping-On* appears, says the *N.-U. D. News*, to be very busy. She left Amoy again on the 30th December for the Pescadores. Evidently the French blockade of Formosa is not very effective, or else the Pescadores are not included in the blockaded district.

ANOTHER large seizure of prepared opium was made to-day by Police Sergeant Mann. This time the quantity amounted to about 1000 lbs of the drug, and was found in the possession of a Chinese hawk and a cook employed on board the S. S. *Paxton*.

The case of Hans v. Lewis, in which plaintiffs sue for payment for boarding defendant's present wife, and which was adjourned until this afternoon, has been further adjourned until Monday, to allow Mr. Holmes, who now appears for defendant, time to collect evidence.

The adjourned inquest upon the body of the Chinese cook who was killed a few weeks since by being knocked off the steamer *Rory* into a cargo boat by a bale of goods that was being slung over the side, was concluded this afternoon. The chief officer of the *Rory* appeared and proved that it was owing to deceased's carelessness or impatience in trying to pass while the hale was in the sling, that the accident occurred. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

An accident occurred to a chair-cook named Wong Akin, 34 years of age, on Wednesday last which has since terminated fatally. Deceased fell down a flight of stairs at No. 33 Third Street, and severely injured his head. He was taken by his friends to his own house at West Points where he expired from the injuries received at 2 o'clock this morning.

An inquest was held upon the body of the deceased man at the now mortuary this afternoon, when the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

This is the latest Chinese victory:—The *Shé Pao* publishes (Jan. 6th) a telegram from Canton announcing that the Chinese army in Tonquin has gained a great victory over the French and captured the Hien-luang fort. The French army was almost exterminated, while the loss on the part of the Chinese amounted to over 8,000. Tseh Yu-jing had his leg wounded during the engagement. Another telegram says that Captain Lin started from Canton with 500 piculs of powder and treasure to the amount of 100,000 taels; ran the blockade of Formosa under cover of a heavy fog, and delivered the things under his charge to Liu Ming-chuan safely. A third telegram, from Peking, states that Wu Ta-cheng is ordered to Japan upon matters connected with the Korean outbreak, instead of to Seoul.

Last night, the 'Snowdrops' Minstrels delighted a large and highly appreciative audience, composed almost exclusively of British soldiers and sailors, in the Thatched. The performance was almost identical to that given on the 27th ultimo, with the exception that a few of the jokes were altered slightly, and contained direct allusions to subjects which the soldiers and sailors more thoroughly understood and had an interest in. These allusions provoked great merriment, and were frequently applauded. Throughout the entire performance, the audience exhibited the liveliest interest in the actions and sayings of the 'Snowdrops,' who undoubtedly provided their customers with a thorough treat.

THE piracy case again occupied Mr. Wise's attention at the Police Court this morning, when the evidence of Inspector Quincy and two of the constables who assisted him in arresting the prisoners was taken.

After Messrs. Wotton and Denys had addressed the Court, Mr. Wise discharged the master of the cargo boat which had landed the rice from the piratical junk, and also three of the members of the Quong Lee shop, who were charged with receiving the rice knowing it to have been stolen. One of the men in the Quong Lee shop, who had assaulted Inspector Quincy with a piece of wood, when he entered the shop, was found guilty of a common assault and fined 2s. The case against the four men arrested on the piratical junk was further remanded till Monday. The plea for the defence was that the piratical

attack and the larceny of the cargo of the *Sulke* junk was committed in Chinese waters, and was, consequently, out of the jurisdiction of the Court. We hear that it is probable that the consignee of the rice from the *Sulke* will institute a case in the Supreme Court for the recovery of his cargo.

A fire broke out last evening at about 7.30, in a Chinese shop at Aberdeen, situated near the local Police Station and Harbour Office.

The manual engine at the Station, under the direction of Inspector Stanton, was at once got to work, but the flames having already obtained a good hold, it was found impossible to save the house, which was a two storied building of brick and wood. The fire extended to some stacks of dry grass which were erected close to the house, and these made a good blaze, the reflection of which was visible at Victoria. By half past nine o'clock the fire was got under, but the little engine continued to play upon the burning embers until close upon 11 o'clock.

The house was tenanted by a storekeeper and chandler doing business with the fishermen of Aberdeen, and besides a quantity of stores, &c., contained a number of fishing nets belonging to these poor people, and stored there for safe keeping. Altogether the property destroyed is supposed to have amounted to about £1,200. The origin of the fire has not been discovered.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Tokio*, which arrived this morning from San Francisco, has brought from that port no less than 236 cases of Chinese bones. Each case, or coffin, contains the bones of one human being exhumed for the purpose of being sent, for final repose, to the native place of the deceased. We understand these are all consigned to the authorities of the Tung-Wah Hospital, who, after landing them, consign the cases, which are all fully directed to the relations of the deceased, to the Chinese mortuary at Lap-Sap-Wan, where they remain until the respective friends or relatives apply for them or give the necessary directions for their despatch to their final destinations on the mainland. It is not at all uncommon for these mortal remains to be smuggled from the States in portmanteaux and carpet bags by returning emigrants, to escape the payment of the freight, and it is seldom that a consignment so large a scale as the present one is shipped to this Colony. An article from the *San Francisco Chronicle*, descriptive of the collection and shipment of these remains, appears in another column.

A Government Gazette extraordinary issued this afternoon contains a new notification of the blockades of the greater portion of the Formosan coasts, which has been received from the French Consulate here. We translate the notification as follows:—

In view of the state of reprisals existing between France and China, and acting by virtue of the powers invested in us

We declare that from the 7th January 1885, the coast of Formosa comprised between Cape Sud (Lat. N. 21.54, Long. E. 118.30) and Ekyu (Lat. N. 24.23, Long. E. 118.13) of which the blockade had been provisionally suspended, will be held again in a state of effective blockade by the naval forces placed under our command, and that friendly or neutral vessels will be allowed one day in which to complete their loading and to quit the blockaded places. The line defining the space blockaded will extend to five miles from the shore.

The notification is dated Keeling Road-stead, January 3rd, and is signed by Admiral Courbet, although it was known the blockade was being maintained in a most ineffective manner, yet this is the first notification of its having been suspended. According to international law, it is the duty of the blockading power to notify that a blockade has been raised as soon as possible. There is little difference between this notification and the previous one, excepting that Ekyu in Lat. N. 24.23 and Long. E. 118.13, is given as one of the points to which the blockade extends, instead of Dome Point in Lat. N. 24.30, and Long. E. 118.35.

The annual Bellios Scholarships for St. Joseph's College were awarded this morning, the proceedings taking place in the hall of that institution under the presidency of Bishop Rainford. Masters F. de Jesus and M. Gomes were the recipients of the second year's Scholarship, and Masters J. P. Braga and L. G. Barreto of the first year's Scholarship. In the course of a few introductory remarks, Bishop Rainford impressed upon the scholars the importance of their acquiring a good knowledge of the English language. Dr. Eitel, one of the trustees of the Scholarships, addressed the boys at some length. He said it might appear strange that Mr. Bellios should give these Scholarships to Portuguese. He was not a Portuguese himself, and he was not a member of the Catholic Church. The explanation was this—Mr. Bellios had been nurtured in that spirit of liberty and law which disregarded the distinctions of creed and nationality—that English spirit which enabled members of all nationalities to meet together on that occasion under the British flag, and which had then all ruled by the same laws and treated with the same courtesy, as if they were all natural born British subjects. The reason why Mr. Bellios established these

Scholarships for the special purpose of encouraging the acquirement of a knowledge of the English language was no doubt this—that he had recognized what is a first historic fact; namely, that the English language is nowadays the ruling tongue of the whole world. In God's providence it had been so arranged that

for some centuries the Semitic language was the ruling language of the earth. When it had fulfilled its mission the Greek language became the leading vehicle for culture. Then the Latin language fulfilled the same mission for many centuries. It had, its day and it passed away and was numbered among the dead languages. The French language took its place and was for centuries the vehicle of culture and civilization. But now even the French language is passing away, and clearly the English language is becoming more and more the language for universal use. One could not doubt, therefore, that there was a source of power in the English language both for the present and the future; and Mr. Bellios did right in encouraging them to become the proprietors of the power which the English language had in itself. There was a spirit in the English language which, in itself, is an exponent of that liberty and fair play, for which England in her dealings with other nations and with its alien subjects in her colonies, was becoming proverbial. The Dr. concluded with a few remarks on the difficulties of English composition and the best means for conquering these difficulties.

The Scholarships were then distributed, each of the winners receiving a cheque for \$50.

In a little speech, Master Braga, speaking on behalf of the pupils of the College, thanked Mr. Bellios and the trustee of the Scholarships. The proceedings then came to a conclusion.

The *Amoy Gazette* learns that the British barque *Edwards Bay* has changed owners, and notices she is now flying the Dutch flag.

This number of men-of-war now under construction for Japan is nine, of which one is in France, two in England, two at Yokohama, and four at Kobe. —*Gazette*.

ALL the Japanese Privy Councillors, Military and Naval officers, and others who were raised to the nobility, are to receive, it is said, special grants of five per cent. Public Loan Bonds, to the amount of 20,000 yen each, for the maintenance of their positions and families. —*Mail*.

The body of the late Captain Hennington, master of the *Anglo Indian*, who was accidentally drowned in Amoy harbour on the 18th December, was found on Saturday, 3rd instant, in an advanced state of decomposition. An inquest was held on the body, and a verdict of accidental drowning returned.

The Mexicans are said to be going to authorize the naturalization of Chinamen. Every man to his taste. What a curious population Mexico will have by and genuine Spaniards, native Mexicans of the Spanish race, half-breeds, gouras, Indians, mulattoes, and now Chinamen. An olla podrida, indeed!—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

A TELEGRAM sent from Paris to New York on the 29th November announces that the *Telegraph* says there will be no further diplomatic negotiations with China nor any further military or naval operations in the East until the full force of 25,000 reinforcements have arrived on the field of operations. In the early spring an attack is designed upon Canton to a small scale as the present one is shipped to this Colony. A large trading fleet heretofore under the Chinese flag, has considerably enhanced our commercial importance in the East.

APPARENTLY the warlike spirit is very high at present among some circles in Japan. The *Gazette* contains the following:—Lawyers and the shizoku in Amoy have applied to the local government for permission to organize bodies of volunteers of one thousand strong at their own cost, in order to join any expeditionary force despatched to Korea or China, in case of war being declared against either. In Owar and some other provinces, exercises are being made to organize volunteers.

A CHINESE paper in New York, whose name is gone the way of innumerable journals, has gained temporary notoriety by furnishing spurious news of the Chinese colony to the city papers. This style of journalism, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, would probably yield handsome returns in China, where living has been reduced to a fine art and is esteemed as one of the finer accomplishments, but here it will result in the suppression of the Celestial Bohemian, who has cultivated his imagination at the expense of the truth.

From a private letter from Hongkong the *Meiji Shinbun* learns that when the *Fuso Kan* arrived there, Mr. Maschida, the Japanese Consul, sent a note to a local official introducing Commander Matsumura. The Consul, however, was not favoured with any reply. It has now been discovered that the other name Commander Matsumura contained the same character as that of the Chinese Emperor, hence the Chinese official could not reply to him. Social intercourse with the Chinese seems to be attended with many difficulties.—*Mail*.

NEW YORK, November 28.—A Times special from Toronto, Ont., says: A special cable dispatch has been received here stating that George Stephens of the Canadian Pacific, now in England, has determined the practicability of establishing a line of steamers between British Columbia and Japan. It is not yet definitely settled whether the company will build new steamers to meet the demand, or whether an arrangement will be made with one of the existing lines between the Pacific coast and Japan to open the new route by transhipping its headquarters to Victoria. It is now considered certain the steamship line will be in operation as soon as the Canadian Pacific Railway is completed, which will

be by the fall of 1885. Although Stephens has been successful so far as the steamship line is concerned, he has utterly failed to obtain English capital for building the much-needed railway in the Northwest, although he offered as security the free grant of lands which the Government will give as a subsidy.

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